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Amended

(iii) one or more of a water-absorbing and water-insoluble base material from the group consisting of crystalline cellulose, α -cellulose, cross-linked sodium carboxy-methyl cellulose, cross-linked starch, [gelatin, casein, ~~chitosan~~ ^{Chitosan}, tragacanth gum, polyvinyl pyrrolidone,] chitin and ~~chitosan~~;

(2) the content of the [water-soluble] ~~water-soluble~~ water-absorbing and gel-forming base material is about 5-40 wt% based on the total of the water-absorbing and water-insoluble base material and the water-absorbing and gel-forming base material, and

(3) the drug is unevenly dispersed more [on/in] on or in the water-absorbing and water insoluble base material than [on/or] on or in the water-absorbing and gel-forming base material.

Claim 20, line 3, delete "on/in" (both occurrences) and replace with --on or in--.

Claim 23, line 2, delete "on/in" and replace with --on or in--;

line 3, delete "on/in" and replace with --on or in--.

Claim 38, line 2, delete "on/in" and replace with --on or in--;

line 3, delete "on/in" and replace with --on or in--.

Claim 40, line 2, delete "on/in" and replace with --on or in--;

line 3, delete "on/in" and replace with --on or in--.

Claim 41, line 2, delete "on/in" and replace with --on or in--;

line 3, delete "on/in" and replace with --on or in--.

Claim 45, line 1, before "claim" insert --in--.

REMARKS

Claims 19-32, 33, 34 and 36-45 are the claims pending. The changes made to Applicants' claims are for clarity and in response to points raised by the Examiner in formal rejections as to the claims.